

FROM AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES

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American Overseas Airlines today celebrated the second anniversary of the first commercial landplane service to Europe.

On October 23, 1945 AOA instituted the first scheduled landplane service in transatlantic history and retired the flying boats which it had operated since 1942.

This began the expansion of AOA's operations over its certificated routes into the inland cities of Western Europe. Where service once was provided only between New York and Foynes, Ireland, American Overseas now flies over 12,495 unduplicated route miles from the co-terminal cities of Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston over three Great Circle routes (via Shannon, Glasgow, or Reykjavik) to London, Amsterdam, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Frankfurt-am-Main, and Berlin.

During 1947's first nine months, AOA has operated more flights and carried more transatlantic passengers (53,435) than any other airline flying the North Atlantic. Since the change-over to landplane AOA has carried 90,405 passengers.

During the last week of September, AOA alone carried nearly 25 per cent of the total North Atlantic passengers departing from and arriving in the U. S.

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